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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated 08/01/01. This amendment is being filed before the three-month period has run. It is kindly requested that the Examiner amend the claims as follows:

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- 1 1. (thrice amended) A routing system for distributing packets in a network, wherein the
 - 2 packets originate at a source and are returned to a destination, both source and destination
 - 3 external with respect to the routing system, comprising:
 - 4 a plurality of means for transferring packets to a destination and from a source;